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Applicant: Tadashi Ishiguro, et al.

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For: **CLEANING MEDIUM FOR MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS**

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RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the Non-Final Office Action ("Office Action") mailed on September 25, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application. With a one month extension filed concurrently herewith, a response to the Office Action is due on January 26, 2004 (January 25 was a Sunday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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